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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

**Federal Emergency Management Agency** 

[Docket ID FEMA-2014-0022]

**Technical Mapping Advisory Council** 

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Committee Management; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC) will meet via conference call on April 14 and 15, 2016. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The TMAC will meet via conference call on Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (E.D.T), and on Friday, April 15, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. E.D.T. Please note that the meeting will close early if the TMAC has completed its business.

**ADDRESSES:** For information on how to access to the conference call, information on services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance for the meeting, contact the person listed in "For Further Information Contact" below as soon as possible. Members of the public who wish to dial in for the meeting must register in advance by sending an email to <a href="mailto:FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov">FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov</a> (attention Kathleen Boyer) by 11 a.m. E.D.T. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

To facilitate public participation, members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the issues to be considered by the TMAC, as listed in the

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"Supplementary Information" section below. The Agenda and other associated material will be available for review at <a href="www.fema.gov/TMAC">www.fema.gov/TMAC</a> by Friday, April 8, 2016. Written comments to be considered by the committee at the time of the meeting must be received by Tuesday, April 12, 2016, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2014-0022, and submitted by one of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- **E-mail:** Address the email TO: <u>FEMA-RULES@fema.dhs.gov</u> and CC: <u>FEMA-TMAC@fema.dhs.gov</u>. Include the docket number in the subject line of the message. Include name and contact detail in the body of the email.
- Mail: Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of Chief Counsel, FEMA, 500 C Street
  SW., Room 8NE, Washington, D.C. 20472-3100.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the words "Federal Emergency Management Agency" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a>, including any personal information provided. <a href="Docket">Docket</a>: For docket access to read background documents or comments received by the TMAC, go to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov">http://www.regulations.gov</a> and search for the Docket ID FEMA-2014-0022.

A public comment period will be held on April 14, 2016, from 11:00 – 11:20 a.m. and April 15, 2016 from 11:00 – 11:20 a.m. E.D.T. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than two minutes. Each public comment period will not exceed 20 minutes. Please note that the public comment periods may end before the time indicated,

following the last call for comments. Contact the individual listed below to register as a speaker by close of business on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Boyer, Designated Federal Officer for the TMAC, FEMA, 1800 South Bell Street Arlington, VA 22202, telephone (202) 646-4023, and email <a href="mailto:kathleen.boyer@fema.dhs.gov">kathleen.boyer@fema.dhs.gov</a>. The TMAC website is: <a href="http://www.fema.gov/TMAC">http://www.fema.gov/TMAC</a>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

As required by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, the TMAC makes recommendations to the FEMA Administrator on: (1) how to improve, in a cost-effective manner, the (a) accuracy, general quality, ease of use, and distribution and dissemination of flood insurance rate maps and risk data; and (b) performance metrics and milestones required to effectively and efficiently map flood risk areas in the United States; (2) mapping standards and guidelines for (a) flood insurance rate maps, and (b) data accuracy, data quality, data currency, and data eligibility; (3) how to maintain, on an ongoing basis, flood insurance rate maps and flood risk identification; (4) procedures for delegating mapping activities to State and local mapping partners; and (5) (a) methods for improving interagency and intergovernmental coordination on flood mapping and flood risk determination, and (b) a funding strategy to leverage and coordinate budgets and expenditures across Federal agencies. Furthermore, the TMAC is required to submit an Annual Report to the FEMA Administrator that contains: (1) a description of the activities of the Council; (2) an evaluation of the status and performance of flood insurance rate maps and mapping activities to revise and update Flood Insurance Rate

Maps; and (3) a summary of recommendations made by the Council to the FEMA

Administrator.

Further, in accordance with the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act

of 2014, the TMAC must develop a review report related to flood mapping in support of

the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Agenda: On April 14 and 15, 2016, the TMAC will review draft

recommendations for the 2016 Technical Review Report to evaluate the FEMA Flood

Mapping Program. The TMAC will also continue to discuss potential recommendations

and will review draft recommendations to be included in the required 2016 TMAC

annual report. A brief public comment period will take place at the beginning of the

meeting each day. A more detailed agenda will be posted by April 8, 2016, at

http://www.fema.gov/TMAC.

Dated: March 15, 2016.

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